

must continue to recognize the importance of this relationship—and strengthen it—as it works to combat terrorism and promote regional cooperation throughout the region.

As a stable, democratizing, and steadfast ally, Morocco has made important achievements over the last decade on issues ranging from security and counterterrorism to economic development, political and social reforms, advancement of human rights, and cross-cultural tolerance and respect. There has always been strong bipartisan support for a strong US–Morocco bilateral relationship in the US Congress and we must continue to support these developments and work with Morocco to address our common interests and shared values concerning the most important issues in the Middle East and North Africa. We have been strong partners, friends, and allies for more than 225 years. That is a unique history that has solidified our strong relations with Morocco since the origins of our nation and one which will certainly endure and strengthen in the future because of the importance both countries place on our partnership.

COMMENDING THE BULLITT FOUNDATION UPON COMPLETION OF THE “GREENEST OFFICE BUILDING ON THE PLANET”

**HON. JIM McDERMOTT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend Denis Hayes and the Bullitt Foundation for developing the world's most environmentally-friendly and self-sustaining buildings right here in Seattle. The Bullitt Center represents a deep commitment to environmental stewardship and redefines our ideas about sustainable development in dense urban areas. By creating the greenest office building on the planet, you have provided the world an example leading the way to our future. The building is an inspiration and represents a milestone in our efforts to leave a smaller carbon footprint for future generations.

Each aspect of the Bullitt Center was meticulously planned and evaluated with its striking technical aspects. From its rainwater cistern and photovoltaic panels to its energy transparency and 250 year life span, the Bullitt Center is and will remain a marked departure from what has been previously achieved in large-scale architecture.

Your vision reveals the environmental innovation that can be attained and the completion of this building draws attention to the viability for such projects. The Bullitt Foundation's pledge to construct a complex with so many far-reaching goals in sustainability reflects its hard work, determination and resolve.

The development of the Bullitt Center stands as an example for Seattle, the United States and beyond as a viable solution to our continued efforts to go green and commit to furthered environmentally sound projects. Through your dedication, conviction and perseverance to establish such a groundbreaking commercial workspace you have set a new standard of achievement for environmental sustainability.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EUGENE S. “GENE” CUNY

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Eugene S. “Gene” Cuny Jr., who passed away on February 13, 2013. Gene was a very dear friend of mine, and he was blessed with an exciting life that allowed him to work a variety of fascinating jobs with interesting people. I know he will be missed by all who knew him.

Gene was born in Houston, TX. From an early age, he demonstrated leadership and a strong work ethic. As a youth, Gene achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. After high school, he attended the University of Houston, where he received a bachelor's degree and graduated with Honors. Upon graduation, he received a scholarship to Colorado State University where he studied theater.

He married his beautiful wife, Charlotte Walser, and they moved to New York City where Gene performed in the Broadway production of “The Pirate,” featuring actress Lynn Fontanne, in 1942. He also worked as the stage manager at Radio City Music Hall, and studied drama at Yale University as a Rockefeller Foundation fellow. He then went on to teach speech and English at New Haven Junior College in Connecticut.

Following his education and career in theater, Gene returned to Houston, where he worked for an advertisement agency writing copy for radio commercials and soap operas. Cuny went on to work as a general manager for radio stations in Louisiana, and after moving to Dallas in 1951, worked for KRLD-TV (now KDFW). He held the responsibilities of program director, national sales manager, and director of community affairs before he retired after 35 years. He also produced the Dallas press club's Gridiron Show, a spoof on news events, for many years.

In addition to his successful career, Gene was also an active leader in his community. He was a press club board member, leader of the Dallas Advertising League, and president of the downtown Dallas Exchange Club. He was also a 32nd degree Knight Commander of Court of Honour Mason, a Dallas leader of the Scottish Rite, and a Rotarian, volunteering as a court-appointed special advocate for neglected or abused children. Gene also helped deliver Meals on Wheels all the way into his 90's.

Gene is also preceded in death by his son Fred, who lost his life when he became deeply involved in international relief work. Fred was the leader of one of the most successful refugee assistance programs in recent decades, working abroad to help literally millions of refugees, whether in Africa, Southeast Asia, Kurdistan, Bosnia, or in Chechnya. Many think Fred was murdered during his effort to support Chechens in their resistance to a Russian attack. His body was never found. Gene is also survived by his wife Charlotte; their sons Chris, Phillip, and Eugene III; as well as eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Gene's verve for life and compassion for others are qualities we should all strive toward. I ask those here today to join me in honoring Eugene S. “Gene” Cuny.

HONORING LUIS DIAZ

**HON. JANICE HAHN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Luis “Louie” Diaz, a distinguished labor organizer and community leader, who is receiving the renowned South County “San Foley” 2013 Labor Leader of the Year Award. Raised in San Pedro, Louie at a young age was exposed to the hardworking environment of this port community. Louie became a member of Teamsters Local 692, representing Marine Terminal Operators, and held the positions of Organizer, Business Agent, and Recording Secretary. In 2001, he was elected Vice President of Local 692. He currently serves as Vice President for Local 848.

For the last 23 years, Louie has continued to support his union brothers and sisters by serving as a member of the Board of the Teamsters Hispanic Caucus California Chapter, the National Hispanic Caucus, and the Maritime Trades Department, Southern California Ports Council. He is also the Coordinator of the Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor Labor Coalition, which conducts one of the largest Labor Day parade and barbecue in the nation.

Louie's exemplary service to his fellow community and union members has earned him this distinct honor. I am proud to recognize such an accomplished leader.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF SARA PISARSKI ON HER OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Sara Pisarski of Bowling Green, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York.

Sara's offer of appointment poises her to attend the United States Merchant Marine Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2017. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Sara brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2017. While attending Bowling Green Senior High School in Bowling Green, Ohio, Sara was on the Honor Roll and was a member of the National Honor Society and the National Society of High School Scholars.

Throughout high school, Sara was a member of her school's basketball team and earned a varsity letter. In addition, Sara was a section leader in the marching band and the symphonic band and was the Lt. Governor of